

The District 3 Slate

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It's report card time and I am so happy to report that all county departments received excellent grades! The county annually has an independent firm conduct Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) inspections, similar to the "secret shoppers" employed by the private sector to learn what it is doing right and where it needs to improve.

In the county's case, the 12th annual index reveals we are doing a lot right. Two departments received perfect scores and the lowest ranking was a remarkable 86%. Most departments had scores in the mid-90s.

I want to thank each and every county employee for their positive spirit and commitment to helping the public. Staff members realize it is the first impression that is remembered the longest. Our duties call for us to perform myriad of tasks but we are all the same in one regard - we are public employees who are accountable for our actions and must provide our services with a smile. It appears we are succeeding!

Pam

Our Coast - Our Future

Continuation Of Offshore Drilling Moratorium Imperative For County

Preservation of the moratorium on offshore oil exploration off the California coastline is not an issue of NIMBYism or jealous protection of prime surfing spots. The reality is California's 1,100-mile coast - including the tranquil waters from Oceanside south to the Tijuana Valley estuary - are this nation's largest ocean-based economy.

For the past 25 years, a bipartisan effort in Congress maintained the moratorium. However, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive inventory of oil and gas resources beneath all waters of the Outer Continental Shelf.

To foolishly threaten this economic pillar simply makes no sense. This county's shoreline includes deep-water ports important to commercial shippers as well as the military. Tourists cite San Diego beaches as a prime reason for vacationing here. Fishing - both commercial and sport - excels.

Seven environmentally sensitive lagoons in North County help maintain a connection between man and nature. And one cannot disregard the world-renowned surf breaks!

For these reasons and more, this Board of Supervisors stands unanimous in its protection of this vital resource by rejecting any federal attempt to authorize drilling for offshore oil and gas deposits. We realize the drastic impacts such



exploration will have on all coastal resources.

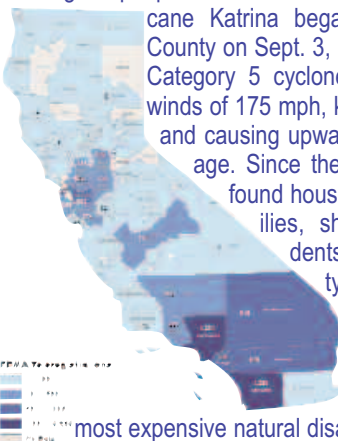
The board's decision to oppose exploration was not reached in haste, especially at a time when a gallon of gasoline sells for three dollars. We weighed the nation's need to develop local reliable sources of energy against the consequences of drilling, which includes adding obstructions for deployment of Navy vessels, increasing vulnerable targets to terrorism, and significant harm to air and water quality.

In the end there was only one conclusion - the moratorium must be continued. This board will work with members of its congressional delegation as well as its counterparts in the state Legislature to protect a coastline that is more than a pretty picture. This is a matter of economic importance and environmental balance, and not dependence on oil as a fuel supply.

Let Congress know that thousands of jobs and resources tied to our coast must not be sacrificed in the rush to expand domestic oil production.

San Diego Integral Part of Katrina Relief

When tragedy strikes, the County of San Diego and the great people who reside here respond. Victims of Hurricane Katrina began arriving in San Diego County on Sept. 3, less than a month after the Category 5 cyclone hit the Gulf Coast with winds of 175 mph, killing at least 1,300 people and causing upwards of \$100 billion in damage. Since then, San Diego County has found housing for 1,188 evacuee families, sheltering 2,442 Gulf residents. In comparison, the County of San Francisco took in 487 families while the County of San Bernardino accepted 618. Hurricane Katrina is this nation's most expensive natural disaster.



Fire Protection Gets A Boost

Property owners in the unincorporated areas are better protected as the Board of Supervisors invested an additional \$5 million in fire districts and more than \$70 million in fire protection services. New equipment is being purchased, stations modernized and additional dispatchers hired. Improving response times in the rural communities reduces the risk of an out-of-control wildfire spreading to urban areas, as occurred during the Cedar and Paradise conflagrations. The funding is one of several steps taken to prevent a repeat of the 2003 wildfires.

AROUND THE THIRD DISTRICT

Investing in the organizations that invest in improving our neighborhoods is one way to enhance the quality of life that gives the Third District its unique sense of community. The Board of Supervisors approved my requests in October:

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Promoting Family Reading

A \$1,000 grant went to the Cardiff-by-the-Sea for its "Noche de Familia" reading, English language skills and health program, which follows the highly successful series offered at the Solana Beach branch.

DEL MAR

Making Good Health A Priority

Del Mar Community Connections provides a variety of health and social services to residents of Del Mar. It will use a \$1,600 grant to offset costs associated with its annual benefit gala.

ENCINITAS

Open Book To A Lifetime Of Adventure

Encouraging children to read is important to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Encinitas, which will use its \$5,000 grant to further promote its "Treasure Chest" gift book program.



Let The Bells Toll

El Camino Real was once lined with majestic bells. The Encinitas Chamber of Commerce will use its \$3,500 grant to purchase and install two bells for El Camino Real that will remind visitors and residents of the roadway's historical significance.

Preserving History Through Art

Story Arts Inc. unites seniors who have life stories to share with children interested in illustrating these important events. It will use its \$3,000 grant to further develop the Legacies Project.

Continuing A Holiday Tradition

The Community Resource Center provides social services for more than 125,000 low-income residents along the North Coast as well as shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence. Its holiday basket program is a tradition dating back to 1979.

CRC will use its \$5,000 grant to kick off



SNEAK PREVIEW

Nov. 4 was the grand opening of the renovated North County Animal Shelter in Carlsbad. The shelter is state-of-the-art and features the best facilities and care for lost and stray animals.



the 2005 holiday gift basket program.

Promoting The Arts

Children introduced to the arts become better learners who quickly grasp mathematical and scientific concepts. Class ACT will use its \$7,500 grant to offer five six-week workshops in the arts to children within District Three



ESCONDIDO

Un'Scrabble' This Event

The Escondido Public Library has a unique fund-raiser that combines literacy with fun. It will use a \$5,000 grant to host its second Scrabble Tournament. Funds raised support ongoing literacy and after-school programs.

Unleashing Passion Fuels Learning

Special exhibits and programs at the Escondido Children's Museum encourage kids to excel in school and develop a lifelong passion for learning. These goals are reinforced through a \$4,000 grant.



A GREAT DAY IN ENCINITAS

Chairwoman Rebecca Pollastrini and treasurer George Lopez join me for the cutting of the ribbon marking the opening of the Women's & Children's Health Center at the site of the former downtown post office.

Let Voices Sing Out!

San Diego's Civic Youth Orchestra has a \$5,000 grant for which it will host a concert at the California Center for the Arts. In addition, 65 children from District Three will be invited to special sessions with the orchestra. Schools will be invited so students can see what they can accomplish in any field if they put their minds to it. And it is great music!

LA JOLLA

Taking A Stand Against Heart Disease

The Sulpizio Family Center at UCSD is a leader in cardiovascular research, cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery. It is known for its state-of-the-art technology and its application in the advanced treatment of cardiovascular disease. To further its research, the center will use its \$10,000 grant to cover production costs on its ninth annual "Heart of San Diego" fund-raiser.

NORTH COUNTY

Come On In ...

A \$5,000 grant will allow the Children's Discovery Museum to provide admission scholarships to low-income households within District Three. The museum features hands-on exhibits highlighting science, art and culture.

... Or We'll Come To You!

And the Culture Shock ensemble will use its \$5,000 grant to assist with educational outreach performances within District Three.

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Let The Music Play On

San Diego Performing Arts League is an umbrella organization representing more than 150 theater, music and dance companies. It produces an annual guide listing great programs in North County. A \$10,000 will allow the league to produce its guide latest guide.

A Real Roof Raising

The Star Theatre in Oceanside is home to a variety of productions and offers the non-profit Coast Kids Theater a base of operations for its plays. A \$10,000 grant will help defray costs of replacing the roof.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Let The Community Sing Out

Rancho Bernardo has a unique sense of community. The Bernardo Concerts Association will use its \$2,500 grant to offset costs associated with the 2005-06 season. The concerts are community gatherings and reinforce community spirit, the arts, and good clean fun.

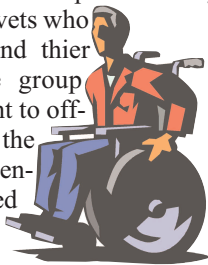
SAN DIEGO

In favor Of This Important TIP

Trauma Intervention Programs of San Diego County partners with law enforcement and fire agencies to provide no-cost crisis intervention at the scene of a tragedy. Its \$4,500 grant will offset costs associated with its annual fund-raiser and awards gala.

Promoting Opportunities For Vets

The Elite DVBE Network provides key resources for disabled vets who seek to own or expand their own businesses. The group will use its \$2,000 grant to offset costs of hosting the second National Convention of Small Disabled Veteran Businesses.



ARC Keeps The Disabled Mobile

Arc of San Diego has served the disabilities community for the past 50 years. Thousands of wheelchair-bound residents depend on ARC to transport them to therapy and to purchase necessary household items and groceries. With \$20,000 committed as a matching grant, ARC will solicit donations to purchase a new wheelchair-access passenger van.



which marks the musical genius' 250th birthday. The schedule begins on Jan. 1 with a "Salute to Vienna." Joining me for the gala kickoff were (above, from left) Mayor Jorge Hank Rhon of Tijuana and his wife, Maria Elvia Amaya de Hank, and San Diego Chamber's Jessie Knight.



MOZART ANYONE?

It was my honor to address the patrons of the arts (left) who gathered for the unveiling of the 2006 Mainly Mozart celebration,

Helping Women Filmmakers Succeed

San Diego Women Film Foundation will use its \$10,000 grant to support workshops for District Three young adults as well as to offset costs associated with purchasing film equipment. The foundation promotes the work of women filmmakers.

Seniors Put An End To Car Theft

Members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol cruise the streets of Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos and Rancho Bernardo as extra eyes for the Police Department. To help reduce incidents of vehicle theft, the volunteer group will use its \$7,000 grant to purchase theft-recovery systems for eligible families in the three communities of the Third District.

SCRIPPS RANCH

Theater To Improve Its Lobby

To improve the experience of its productions, the Scripps Ranch Theatre is ear-

marking its \$11,000 grant toward the construction of a new lobby at 10755-F Scripps Poway Parkway.



SOLANA BEACH

Reading Is A Family Affair

Promoting literacy in the Hispanic community, the Solana Beach Library will use its \$8,000 grant to continue its popular "Noche de Familia" outreach program.

TIERRASANTA

Festive Fireworks Are Popular

TierraFest is more than a community celebration - funds raised help youth programs in the Tierrasanta-Murphy Canyon communities. The Kiwanis Club of Tierrasanta received a \$5,000 grant to offset costs of purchasing fireworks for the Tierrafest and Octoberfest events.

County Lawyers Win 101 out of 103 Cases

County Counsel, the legal arm of the County of San Diego, achieved a remarkable 98 percent litigation rate in cases filed against the county in fiscal year 2004-05. The high success rate saved taxpayer money and established a clear "no deep pocket" attitude directed at litigious individuals. The County of San Diego paid out just \$122,500 in judgments.

County Counsel is a layer of defense against those who seek to pocket taxpayer money by filing frivolous lawsuits or arguing against decisions by the Board of Supervisors designed to protect the public good. I am proud of our team of taxpayer defenders. The litigation record in FY 2004-2005 continues the successes the county has achieved over the past three fiscal years, during which the county prevailed in 96 percent of its cases.



PAM'S PERSPECTIVE

It Is Up To All Of Us To Prevent Teen Violence

Domestic violence continues to be a serious problem that traumatizes families nationwide. One of the most devastating results of domestic violence is the lasting effect it has on children.

Children exposed to domestic violence often struggle with physical and emotional scars for the rest of their lives. Too often, children exposed to domestic violence learn to emulate the violent behavior of their parents, beginning a cycle of family abuse. This abuse

becomes generational.

Teen-age violence is a facet of domestic violence, a learned behavior passed down by parents.

I put legislation before my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to approve \$10,000 in District 3 Community Projects money to fight teen relationship violence and develop a public service announcement to raise awareness of teen relationship violence.

The "Say Something" campaign encourages teens to let adults and friends know when

they have been physically or verbally abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend.

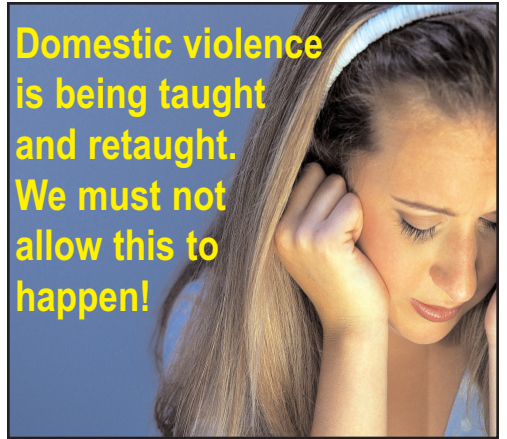
Teens can report an incident of violence in a relationship, or simply ask a question, by calling (888) DVLINKS. This number is the county's toll-free domestic violence hotline.

There are many things we can do, such as providing programs against violence, better enforcement and reaching out to teens with services from our new domestic violence centers. We are doing all that.

But today we have another important facet of fighting teen domestic violence - education. The Teen Relationship Violence Committee, a subcommittee of the Domestic Violence Council, is comprised of representatives of the county Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office and others.

This committee recently commissioned a countywide

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survey to gauge the extent of teen domestic violence and to determine San Diego teens' attitudes and experiences with relationship violence.

The response to the survey was both incredibly honest and frightening:

- Twenty percent of teens admitted having hit, kicked, punched, pushed, shoved or shaken their dating partner.

- Forty percent of teens did not limit their abuse to physical violence. They admitted to verbally abusing their dating partner through repeated insults.

Obviously, this cycle must stop. Domestic violence is being taught and retaught. We must not allow this to happen!

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